

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be ascribed to Judy Larson, who is retiring from the state of South Dakota after serving over 28 years of service; and,

Whereas, Judy has provided years of service to the citizens of the state of South Dakota at the Department of Health, the Secretary of State's Office, the Department of Public Safety, and currently at the Department of Agriculture; and,

Whereas, Judy, who serves as the Executive Assistant for the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Agriculture, has worked tirelessly to assist the Secretary and Department staff in meeting their mission; and,

Whereas, In her tenure with the Department, Judy's commitment to excellence, loyalty, and dedication to duty has been instrumental, and she has created and maintained a positive, upbeat work environment where she remains an influence and a close friend to many of the staff; and,

Whereas, Judy is affectionately referred to as 'Ma Larson' by her coworkers for her countless efforts to feed and care for them; and,

Whereas, Judy is a mother and grandmother, not only to her own children and grandchildren, but to many others in her life, therefore, on June 8, 2017, Judy is retiring to spend more time with her husband, Gary, and family; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to honor this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of her retirement:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 8, 2017, as

JUDY LARSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join her family, friends, and colleagues in offering her best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State

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Whereas, On Veterans Day 1996, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) unveiled a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and,

Whereas, The Wall That Heals is designed to travel to communities throughout the United States providing veterans who have been unable to visit the Memorial a chance to experience it within their own communities; and,

Whereas, Since its dedication, The Wall That Heals has visited more than 400 cities and towns throughout the nation, spreading the Memorial's healing legacy to millions; and,

Whereas, South Dakota Public Broadcasting arranged to include Chamberlain, South Dakota, on the 2017 The Wall That Heals National Tour as one of their numerous outreach events; and,

Whereas, Bringing The Wall That Heals home to communities throughout our country allows the souls enshrined on the Memorial to exist once more among family and friends in the peace and comfort of familiar surroundings; and,

Whereas, The Wall That Heals exhibit includes a mobile education center designed to put American experiences in Vietnam in a historical and cultural context; and,

Whereas, There are 192 South Dakotans whose names are listed on the Wall; brave individuals who shared their courage, pride, determination, and dedication to duty and integrity:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim August 10, 2017, as

THE WALL THAT HEALS DAY

in South Dakota, a day to remember and honor all our Vietnam Veterans, and their families and I call on all South Dakotans to join me in honoring those men and women and their loved ones.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State